

**American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)**

**Oral Proficiency Interview**

**What is the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview?**  
The ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview, or OPI, is a live 20-30 minute conversation, taking place over the phone, between a trained, certified ACTFL tester and the candidate. It is a valid and reliable test that measures how well a person speaks a language. The procedure is standardized in order to assess global speaking ability, measuring language production holistically by determining patterns of strengths and weaknesses

***How do candidates take the OPI at Canisius College?***

Teacher candidates complete the OPI at the General Proctor Site at Canisius College in Old Main 317. Canisius teacher candidates take the OPI by phone during the semester of applied methods (pre student teaching). Teacher candidate pays test fee by credit card; no additional proctoring fee. The General Proctor Site is open Monday-Thursday 8-5, Fridays 8-3. For additional information, please contact Tracy Callaghan at 716-888-2485, [callagh2@canisius.edu](mailto:callagh2@canisius.edu).

***What is the timeline for taking the OPI?***

In order to be ready for student teaching, candidates must get in touch with Tracy by October 1 (for spring student teaching) or February 1 (for fall student teaching). Please note that some candidates may wish to do a language immersion experience before completing the OPI in order to enhance their oral proficiency.

***What do candidates do with their score report?***

Candidates will scan their OPI score and submit it as a common assignment on TaskStream. They will select their applied methods (pre student teaching) instructor as the evaluator for this assignment.